THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Recommendation by Tapas Mazumdar Committee

†4407. SHRILAJPATRAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tapas Mazumdar Committee had recommended in 1999 that there was a need to spend Rs. 13,700 crores annually on primary education and literacy programmes;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decision to spend the money for primary education and literacy in the country as per the recommendations of the Committee, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Expert Committee headed by Prof. Tapas Mazumdar had projected a requirement of Rs. 1,37,000 crore over ten years for achieving the goal of Universalisation of Elementary Education. However, by following cost effective and convergent approaches, this Ministry has estimated the additional requirement of Rs. 98,000 crore for ten years for Universalisation of Elementary Education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. Of Rs.98000 crore, about Rs.63000 crore would be the Central share and Rs. 3 5000 crore would be the State share as per the funding pattern approved under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. This is only an estimate and the actual requirement would depend on the District Elementary Education Plans prepared for each district and the requirements projected by the State Government in these district plans based on habitation level planning.

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